

ROADWAY TEAM

MINUTES for Meeting of **October 19, 2006**

AGC Office, Tacoma

Attending:

X	Frank Scarsella		Scott Droppelman	X	Bill Grady
	Scott Stephens		Bob Glenn		Dan Glover
	James Prouty		Dan Howell		
X	Jim Spaid		Al Dyer		Mike Morishige
X	Gil McNabb	X	Ken Stone		Bob Romine
X	Nancy Boyd	X	Casey Liles	X	Larry Eik
X	Tina Scoccola	X	Mark Maurer		

Minutes of September 21, 2006 Meeting

Distributed and reviewed copies.

Old Business

Minutes of Other Team Meetings -

Minutes of the September 15, 2006 Administration Team were handed out for review.

Minutes of the June 30, 2006 Structures Team were handed out for review.

Meeting notes from various industry/WSDOT teams may be viewed at The State Construction Office website at the following address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/Default.cfm>

Asphalt Cost Price Adjustment – Jim distributed a copy of the revised GSP guidelines for the application of the Asphalt Cost Price Adjustment. The revisions eliminate the reference to 6 months or more after contract execution. . The provision is active and will be used for multi-year projects that include HMA pavements.

Section 6-13 Structural Earth Walls – Jim reminded folks that he is still accepting comments on the draft specification distributed at last months meeting.

Section 6-14 Geosynthetic Retaining Walls – Jim reminded folks that he is still accepting comments on the draft specification distributed at last months meeting.

Section 9-29 Junction Boxes - Jim reminded folks that he is still accepting comments on the draft specification distributed at last months meeting.

Section 9-29 Cable Vaults - Jim reminded folks that he is still accepting comments on the draft specification distributed at last months meeting.

New Business

Section 8-02 Roadside Restoration – Jim distributed a copy Section 8-02 and opened a general discussion regarding recent revisions to this section that affect the acceptance of planting and the start of the plant establishment period. Tina Scoccolo of Terra Dynamics, and Mark Maurer, WSDOT State Landscape Architect participated in the discussion.

Tina Scoccolo voiced a concern that the recent revisions to 8-02.3(12) and 8-02.3(13) have changed the starting time for the first year plant establishment period to a fixed date (May 31), rather than at the completion of installation of the plants. This extends the plant establishment period to what was a 12 month plant establish period into a 15 to 18 month period. This change also impacts the payment schedule, delaying a portion of the payment until the May 31st date. She commented that this is very difficult to control and bid as now the plant establishment window can be up to two growing seasons. Because of weather, soil conditions, etc., it is difficult to predict success of plantings through the second season.

She also suggested that additional emphasis needs to be placed on the planting specification, not the time specification. The way plant materials are handled during the installation has a great impact on the chance for survival of the plants. Wetland plantings often fail due excessive moisture – contractors have no control over these sites.

After the general discussion, it was decided that we would look at a concept of starting the first year plant establishment period when the plants are installed. The plants would be checked on May 31 to evaluate the condition of the plants. Plants that are dead or dying would be replaced, and the replacement plants would be subject to another year of plant establishment. The payment schedule will also be reviewed to see that it matches with the work effort necessary to fulfill the intent of the specifications.

Section 2-09.3(3) Excavation Using Open Pits – Extra Excavation – As part of the ongoing review of this section, Jim distributed another draft for review and comment. The revisions have been proposed by the WSDOT Geotechnical Branch and the AGC/WSDOT Structures Team. Changes clarify requirements for open cuts and update submittal and design criteria for both open cuts and structural shoring.

An addition to the change was suggested that would clarify that no “vehicular or construction” traffic would be allowed within five feet of the top of the open cut.

Other Items-

8-01.3(9)A Silt Fence – Jim distributed a draft copy of this section for review and comment. The change adds a reference to Section 9-33, Table 6, which defines the material requirements for silt fence.

Discussion Topics

The following list of topics will be kept as part of the minutes and future agendas to indicate the items that have surfaced as issues for discussion by the team. As each issue is addressed, it may be removed from the list. As new issues are raised, they will be added to the list as a reminder of the things that need discussion:

{Note: Issues that are added will now include the date (11/30/00) they were included on the list so the team can track their longevity}

- Shoulder Rock - further discussion of method of payment.
- Longitudinal Wedge Joint
- Testing Storm Sewer Pipe - recent changes in the testing requirements for HDPE pipe have increased the length of time for testing.
(5/24/01) - What is the background for those changes?
(9/20/01) - Discussed the duration of the test. Bill G. said why hold it so long when you know within the first few minutes if you have a leak and thus a failing pipe.
- Signal Detector Loops - Suggested the number of bid items could be reduced by bidding loops per each rather than separate bid items for each type of set (for instance, R1, R2, R3, etc. for loop sets of 1, 2 or 3 loops).
- Structure Excavation Class B – backfilling trenches (5/9/03) Meas. and Payment 2-09
- Aggregate Substitution (5/9/03)
- Documentation requirements for consumables
- Concrete grinding, and the pick up and disposal of the resulting slurry. (9/21/06).

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 30th, 2006**, at the Tacoma AGC office beginning at 8:30am.